

UT Tyler Educational Foundation, Inc., and the Texas Chest Foundation. At one time he served as president of the East Texas State Fair Association, East Texas Hospital Foundation, East Texas Symphony Association, Mother Frances Hospital Foundation, Texas Rose Festival Foundation, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Tyler Economic Development Council, Tyler Industrial Foundation and United Way. He was a board member of the East Texas Communities Foundation, East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System, Regional East Texas Food Bank, Salvation Army and Tyler Junior College Foundation.

As a testament to his lifetime of service, he received the W.C. Windsor Award as Tyler's Most Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1958 and the T.B. Butler Award as Tyler's Most Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1968. In 1987 he received the Patriot of the Year award from UT Tyler, and in 1994 he and his wife received the All Saints Episcopal School Flame of Excellence award. This year he received the Business Hall of Fame honor from Junior Achievement of Greater Tyler, of which he was a charter member.

At the State level, Dub was a life board member of the Texas Research League, serving as treasurer for six years, and served two terms as president of the Texas Association of Taxpayers. He was a past board member of the Texas Chamber of Commerce, which named him East Texan of the year in 1992. In 1989 Gov. Bill Clements appointed him to the Texas Growth Fund Board of Trustees, and in 1990 he was appointed to the Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees. He was a member of the Governor's Business Council Executive Committee and the Executive Committee of the Chancellor's Council for The University of Texas System.

This legacy of outstanding achievement speaks to the dedication and leadership of this incredible man—and underlying his remarkable lifetime of service was his basic goodness and kindness. His gentle spirit, positive attitude and belief in others were evident in all that he did. Dub inspired, guided and served as a mentor to so many. He had an abiding faith in God and was a leader in the First Presbyterian Church of Tyler, where he served as elder, trustee, deacon and Sunday School teacher.

There was an outpouring of sympathy following Dub's death. The President and Mrs. Bush sent their condolences. National, State and local dignitaries attended his memorial service, and hundreds in the community expressed their love and support to his family—his beloved wife of 53 years, Betty Jo; son A.W. "Whit" Riter III and daughter-in-law Cynthia; daughter Melinda Shoemaker and son-in-law Tom, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Dub touched and enriched so many lives, and in his absence there will be a void that will be difficult to fill. But Dub also leaves a powerful legacy of service and selflessness that will be felt for years to come. Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us join his family and many friends in celebrating and honoring the life of this great Texan and great American—A.W. "Dub" Riter—whose exemplary life we will remember and cherish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall votes Nos. 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, and 531 during the week of September 30 through October 2. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Rollcall vote No. 524: Sandlin Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1—"no"; rollcall vote No. 525: Pallone Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1308—"no"; rollcall vote No. 526: H. Res. 357—"yes"; rollcall vote No. 527: Dicks Motion to Instruct on H.R. 2691—"no"; rollcall vote No. 528: Case Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1—"no"; rollcall vote No. 529: Davis (AL) Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1308—"no"; rollcall vote No. 530: Adoption of the Conference Report on S. 3—"yes"; rollcall vote No. 531: Obey Motion to Instruct on H.R. 2660—"no"; rollcall vote No. 532: H. Con. Res. 274—"yes"; rollcall vote No. 533: Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1—"no"; and rollcall vote No. 534: Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1—"no."

HONORING LAURA BERG

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I rise today to honor one of my constituents from Santa Fe Springs, California, Laura Berg, who has recently been named to the U.S. Olympic Women's Softball Team. Laura has been a member of this team in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic games, winning gold medals both times. She is one of four two-time Olympic champions on the current team which will compete in the 2004 Olympic games in Athens, Greece. Berg started as a centerfielder in all 10 games in the 2000 Olympics and will play outfield for the team in 2004.

Berg has been a part of the USA Softball national system since 1994 when she was member of the USA Team that captured gold at the ISF Women's World Championship in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. In addition to her Olympic glory, Laura has won numerous accolades for her softball skills at the high school, college, national and international levels, including two gold medals at the Pan American Games and three World Championship gold medals. A graduate of Santa Fe High School and Fresno State University, she is of three players at Fresno State to ever boast 300 or more career hits and post a 160-game defensive errorless streak. She also spent 4 years as an assistant coach for the Fresno State Bulldogs team.

Laura firmly believes in setting challenging goals for herself and working hard to achieve them, whether she is practicing softball and studying in school. Her commitment to her sport, positive attitude, and strong work ethic have led to her extraordinary success and make her a role model for other young women.

Laura began playing softball as a child, tagging along to a program in which her parents

had enrolled her twin sister, Randi. She continues to be inspired by the challenges of the game and has become a veteran leader for her teammates.

Laura is married to Rob Peterson, the Assistant Athletic Director at the University of South Dakota. The two met when Peterson was Director of Facilities at Fresno State.

For the next 11 months, Laura and her teammates will be working hard in preparation of defending their Olympic title. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Laura and the other outstanding women who make up the team and in wishing them great success.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. HELENA HOSPITAL IN ST. HELENA, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the St. Helena Hospital of Napa County as it celebrates its 125th Anniversary.

On June 1, 1878, the Rural Health Retreat opened its doors to the public. 125 years later, the Rural Health Retreat has a new name and a new look but its commitment to quality healthcare remains the same. Today, the St. Helena Hospital is the world's oldest continuously operating Seventh-day Adventist hospital.

The hospital has grown substantially over the years, both in its ability to heal and in its physical space. What began as a small two-story building has matured into a state-of-the-art facility, which includes a 24-hour emergency room, a heliport, and top-of-the-line surgical suites.

Mr. Speaker, among other services, the St. Helena Hospital offers a wide range of facilities to assist our community members in overcoming their illnesses including additions. Specifically, the hospital has a mental health unit, an alcohol and chemical recovery program and it houses wellness programs such as the Nicotine Addiction Program.

In 1974, a team of surgeons performed the first open-heart surgery in the North Bay, paving the way for St. Helena Hospital to become a leader in cardiac care. Today, history continues to be written and St. Helena Hospital has been named among the Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospitals in the country.

Mr. Speaker, during its 125 years of existence, the St. Helena Hospital has been a medical sanctuary for thousands of people from both in and out of our community. The hospital has a wonderful tradition of providing for the sick. Regardless of who you are or where you are from, you will receive the best medical assistance possible at the St. Helena Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, for maintaining such a high standard of excellence and for healing our community for over 125 years, it is appropriate that we honor the St. Helena Hospital as they recognize their 125th anniversary.